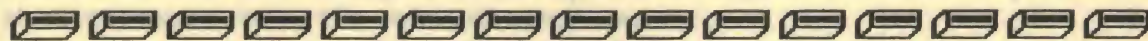


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IN THIS ISSUE

Due to an incident at the extremely valuable Dr. Dale Griffis lecture on Satanism crimes on July 24, 1986 in Southfield, Michigan, where I was approached by some evident Argan Nations - Tax Revolt Movement - "Patriot" types who let me know they knew something of my personal background and because of the propensity some segments of this Movement have already shown for violence, we are suspending publication of my itinerary this month, until the situation calms down enough to publish it again. We will resume publishing out of town sites where I will be as of the August, 1986 issue. This will allow for an assessment of the situation and appropriate security measure to be taken, if any. We regret the inconvenience.

ROBERTSON FOR PRESIDENT?

Parts of the secular press, as well as many in the Christian world, utterly underestimate Marion G. (Pat) Robertson's political prowess and potential. For example, columnist Emmett Tyrell said in his Tuesday, June 17, 1986 column that:

"According to my researches, the American people would be more intrigued by docudramas on the White House dogs than by these fantasies. Robertson's chances of becoming president of the United States are only marginally better than those of His Royal Highness Prince Louis H.M. Bertrand Rainier III ..."

I don't know what "research" Mr. Tyrell did, or how "scientifically" it was conducted, but he is a perfect example of the attitude that could very well lead to a Pat Robertson victory -- an underestimation of the chances of a person with one of the most formidable political machines in American history. Pat Robertson has already scored significant victories in terms of the number of precinct delegate petitions filed in Michigan and Iowa. His donor base is reported to be significantly larger than that of the political parties in New Hampshire. When these statistics are brought forth, it generates what politicians call a "bandwagon effect" as those seeking political jobs and favor race to hitch their wagon to the previously underrated political candidate's star. This is because an unexpected or

unpredicted victory looks like more of a victory than it actually is. Those of a more opportunistic nature who are riding other bandwagons could be expected to quickly change allegiances.

The key to political success is voter identification and finance. To date, Robertson stands ahead of every other candidate in the race. Another key to success is not peaking too early. Robertson is building a steady momentum that could well carry him to the White House. To illustrate the strength of Robertson's political machine and the type of organization that made it possible for him to obtain so many precinct delegate filings, one should heed the gargantuan efforts made by his organization in Michigan. DETROIT NEWS staff writer Joel J. Smith noted on May 1, 1986:

"The Michigan branch of the Freedom Council, founded by Robertson in 1981, this week requested that 25,000 petitions be used throughout the state to nominate precinct delegates who would run in the August 5 primary. — Their request was unprecedented in numbers," said Wayne County Clerk James Killeen, who referred the group to a Kalamazoo printer.

Never in our history has anybody or group asked for that many petitions," he said. "It certainly signifies the massive statewide effort by them to get the precinct delegates for an unannounced candidate."

Despite the obvious politicking, some in the Freedom Council continued to deny the obvious. With the number of political newcomers Robertson has enlisted some obviously were naive, nevertheless, for a "Christian" organization, a "good witness" was hardly borne to the secular press by statements by Freedom Council officials such as the following:

"Officials in the Freedom Council's Lansing office denied the campaign was aimed at picking up support for a possible Robertson candidacy. But they admitted he would benefit if he enters the race and said similar efforts are

underway in other states.

The petitions will be used in a mass mailing we're doing," said Caroline Ridley, assistant director for the organization's Michigan branch. ..."

I have talked with Michigan Freedom Council workers who said "I'm a member of the Freedom Council, but I'm for Bush," and "I'm a member of the Freedom Council, and I'm for Kemp." When I pointed out to them that neither Kemp nor Bush would be the recipient of the voter identification information they gathered that would be fed into the CBN computers, but Robertson would, they admitted this was correct. They would then tell me that as far as they knew, Robertson was not running for President and they would be disillusioned if he did. This statement was made to me by two top officials of Michigan Freedom's Council — people who very well knew the game plan and chose to misrepresent it for the sake of political expediency. There were no resignations from those Freedom Council officials making these statements to me. To the contrary, one appeared on the 700 Club the morning after Robertson's strategy success had become apparent and proudly affirmed Pat Robertson's statement that the press had incorrectly branded some of these as Bush and Kemp supporters. Query, have Christians now adopted the Moonie principle of "heavenly deception" in the interests of bringing in "the Kingdom of God on Earth?" God forbid!

While some in the Freedom Council were always aware of Robertson's hidden agenda which was to use that organization as a vehicle for a massive voter identification project — a vital key to political success, others were not. On July 17, 1986, Detroit FREE PRESS political columnist Hugh McDiarmid reprinted portions of a June 19th letter from Pat Robertson to Michigan Freedom Council workers that stripped away the myths of the political personality neutrality of Robertson's Freedom Council:

"Dear Friend,

THE CHRISTIANS HAVE WON!

Your support of the Freedom Council

has helped to make it possible.

You've probably already heard -- it's been heralded by the media since the day after it happened (Reporter's note: A reference to the May 27 filing deadline for precinct delegate candidates). ... We went into the State of Michigan, we gave believers the tools they needed to file as precinct delegates all over the state -- and thousands responded! ...

Our work was most dramatically demonstrated by the fact that, on the Republican side of the response, the delegate applicants that we educated, trained and motivated outnumbered the delegate applicants registered through the efforts of both Vice President George Bush and U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp combined!

This effort was significant because once precinct delegates have been elected, they have within their grasp the power to select nominees for numerous major offices in the state -- including candidates for State Supreme Court, THE ENTIRE MICHIGAN SCHOOL BOARD (original emphasis) and delegates to the 1988 National Convention.

What a thrust for freedom! What a breakthrough for the Kingdom! ... And as believers become involved in this process, they will be able to turn this nation back to its traditional moral values. That's my prayer. And that's what we've begun to see in Michigan. ...

We know it can happen elsewhere. We saw the hand of God going before us in Michigan, affirming our every step. We went to city after city, and everywhere I found thousands of believers jumping to their feet, ready to work, ready to pray, ready to give -- thrilled that their time had finally come. ...

Your friend,

/s/ Pat Robertson, Founder

A Fair Advantage?

The IRS gave the Freedom Council tax-exempt status on May 28, 1986, the day after the Michigan precinct delegate filing deadline. This gives Robertson, who is unabashedly using the Council as his personal political vehicle a tremendous advantage over any other single candidate.

While ordinary political contributions, under certain circumstances, are granted a direct tax credit within certain stringent limits, those contributing to Robertson's political organization may deduct their contributions on federal income tax forms. This will also enable CBN to legally funnel funds to the Freedom Council. While the articles of the Freedom Council state that they shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, they have been far more honored in the breach than in the observance! Robertson has clearly used the Freedom Council as a political vehicle and many Freedom Council workers will privately acknowledge this.

To note how flagrantly the Freedom Council was used for this purpose, Robertson chortled on the 700 Club the day after the Michigan filings, and the day of the IRS ruling that:

"He registered considerably more delegates than a sitting vice-president (George Bush) and a leading congressional candidate for the presidency (Rep. Jack Kemp, Republican, New York).

A recent poll conducted in Michigan showed that the average voter did not look with favor on Robertson's candidacy.^{<1>} But it is the precinct delegates who will be nominating the presidential candidates and not the "typical man in the street" who was surveyed. According to a DETROIT FREE PRESS poll of precinct delegates reported on June 23, 1986, 23 per cent favored George Bush and 23 per cent favored Pat Robertson. Only 14 per cent favored Jack Kemp. More importantly, however, was the fact that it was reported the Robertson backers had more commitment to their candidate than did the Bush backers. The

typical recruit to the Freedom Council political process is a Godly and dedicated person -- but usually one who is inexperienced politically. Not understanding the process, they more unquestioningly submit themselves to the "better judgment" of their superiors in the Freedom Council. A more seasoned political veteran would be more likely to ask questions and exercise independent judgment when voting for presidential nominees than one who was new to the process. I know this from personal experience. As a political novice in 1968, I would attend every meeting of my caucus, dutifully stuff envelopes, and stay at the political caucuses and district meetings until the wee hours of dawn, if requested to by the Democratic party regulars. I thought the process was great fun and eager to learn, I asked few questions. Anxious to be accepted as well as being fired with zeal for my cause, I voted exactly as I saw the caucus leaders vote. Eighteen years now advanced from my youthful political endeavors, I now would conduct my own analysis and seek my own divine guidance, rather than relying on what somebody else says God told him.

On a recent 700 Club Pat Robertson said to an interviewer that if he ran for President, it would be because God told him to do so. On an even more recent program, he said that Congress and the President were not necessarily bound by decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Both of these statements represent a dangerous mind-set. If one accepts Robertson's claims at face value, he risks incurring the wrath of God should he vote against Pat Robertson. This brings to mind a statement I heard Pat Robertson make on the 700 Club in the fall of 1983, that "to some it is given words of knowledge and to others to obey those words of knowledge." If one can convince another that (a) the Bible contains errors, as Robertson has consistently maintained; and (b) that God speaks directly to him, then his obtaining of money and votes from that person is virtually guaranteed. I see little difference between those supporting Robertson on the basis that they believe him to be God's instrument and those supporting any other religious cult leader. Biblically one's "anointing" is to be

tested by scripture and not by somebody's claims that they are God's chosen:

"To the law and to the testimony. If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20 (KJV)

It is well taken that Isaiah 8:20 did not say that if they spoke not according to the Bible it was because there was SOME light in them -- it was because there was NO light in them. When one denigrates the Word and then establishes himself as a perfect vessel, he is setting himself higher than the Word with which God equated Himself:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." 1 John 1-3 (KJV)

The same FREE PRESS poll revealed that Robertson's supporters display a dedication that most other candidates do not enjoy. This is a mark of what political scientists term "charismatic political leadership." This does not refer to somebody who necessarily belongs to a Pentecostal or charismatic church! "Charismatic political leadership" is that which "causes a group of people or an entire nation to fall under the binding spell of a leader, so that his word becomes their only law and his command their almost sacred duty to obey."²

Political scientist and author Ann Ruth Wilner writes:

"In the charismatic relationship, followers believe their leader to have superhuman qualities or to possess to an extraordinary degree the qualities highly esteemed in their culture. They attribute to their leader qualities commonly associated in their culture with the realm of the divine or the supernatural, with gods, demigods, or outstanding heroes. ... Followers believe statements made and ideas advanced by their leader simply it is HE who has made the statement or advanced the idea. ... The followers abdicate choice and judgment to the

leader. Belief and obedience are almost automatic. Followers accept and believe that the past was as the leader portrays it, that the present is as he depicts it, and that the future will be as he predicts it. And they follow without hesitation his prescriptions for action."

"Charismatic leadership can therefore be defined briefly as a relationship between a leader and a group of followers that has the following properties:

1. The leader is perceived by the followers as somehow superhuman.

2. The followers blindly believe the leader's statements.

3. The followers unconditionally comply with the leader's directives for action.

4. The followers give the leader unqualified emotional commitment:"<3>

Ms. Wilner distinguishes this from non-charismatic political leadership:

"Noncharismatic leadership generally includes an intervening phase, however brief, between the communication of a leader's message or directive to his followers and their acceptance of or obedience to it. This phase involves followers in processes of calculation and evaluation. For even highly respected leaders cannot count on their followers to surrender to them regularly and without question the mandate to choose and judge:"<4>

My fear is that Robertson's claims to his highly dedicated followers that God chose him for this job will cause them to abdicate their God-given reasoning faculties.

(To be continued in September, 1986 MONITOR)

Article Notes

<1> THE DETROIT NEWS, Friday, July 25, 1986.

<2> Ruth Ann Wilner, THE SPELLBINDERS: CHARISMATIC POLITICAL LEADERSHIP (Yale University Press, New Haven and London: 1984), page 2.

<3> Ibid., pages 6-8.

<4> Ibid., page 7.

CAUSA -- A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE?

In recent years, large numbers of Christians -- including hundreds of ministers -- have become unwittingly caught up in an unsuspected manifestation of the New Age Movement. Some of these have done so because they believe themselves to be fighting Communism. Others have done so, deliberately disregarding warnings from those laboring in the struggle against permeation of New Age teachings. There has been a wholesale disregarding of scriptural warnings against such forms of "networking."

"CAUSA stands for change." Thus states the CAUSA -- the political arm of Unification Church -- lecturers manual. "Change." What kind of change and for what purpose? Does CAUSA seek innocent change? Or is it one more of the countless "change agent" organizations seeking to radically alter our society in the direction of New Age values. Marxism too seeks "change." So do anarchists. So does the entire New Age Movement for that matter!

While both groups seek pernicious forms of "change," that sought by this Unification Church front retains some of the worst features as those sought by the Soviet Politburo itself. But CAUSA goes one step

further. It seeks a form of "change" that assaults something far more intimate than even the economic structure and state atheism championed by Communism. CAUSA seeks to penetrate the inner core of man himself. "For once," CAUSA says, "man is changed from within, we will have change in the economic system, the social structure, and the method of government."

According to CAUSA, such a "change" will come from God. A close examination of their literature and affiliations, however, make it clear the "change" will come from other quarters. To understand the "union with God" CAUSA champions, one must understand its underlying Unification theology, together with its practice of "heavenly deception." They must understand its Eastern mysticism. They should also be aware of some of the punitive measures and lawsuits Unification Church has taken against those daring to cross them. These issues will be discussed in a continuation of this article.

Conservative Cooperation

Too few Christians and conservatives fail to distinguish the difference between assistance and infiltration. Too many are unaware of the New Age agenda to destroy our present civilization -- or have fallen victim to the rampant disinformation, particularly prevalent within Evangelical Christian circles. Consequently, they naively fail to detect its clear presence within their midst. Both orthodox Christian and Jewish theologies forbid the sort of networking coalitions currently being fostered by Christian and Unification leaders:

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord." Isaiah 31:1 (KJV)

Christians and political conservatives who have cooperated in one form or another with Unification Church leaders, innocently and otherwise in the past few years have included such respected figures as W.

Stewart McBirnie; Pastor Everett Sileven; Fred Schwartz; Arnaud De Borchgrave; Rev. Donald Sills; Rev. Tim LaHaye, and many others.

One deceptive practice followed by various Unification Church fronts, including CAUSA is the inclusion of a statement in invitation letters saying, "that although initial funding was given by Unification Church, we are now independent of that source."

It is probably safe to say that no organization receiving "initial funding" from Unification Church is free of that source. Further, it is probably equally safe to say that Unification Church has not given churches the money they have for altruistic purposes. Instead, all has been done in the interests of furthering the New Age goal of "ushering in the Kingdom of God on Earth." Reverend Moon has even stated that he may even be the "messiah" we await! (To be continued)

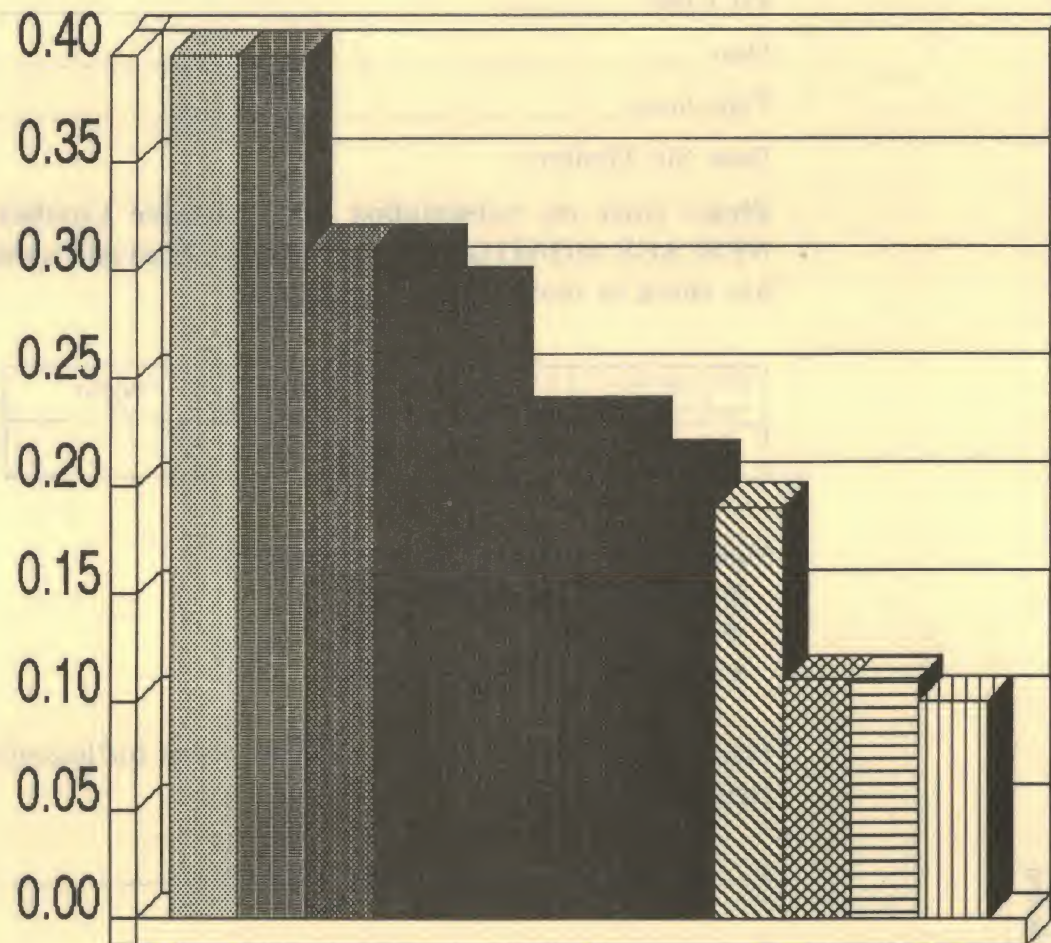
(The above article by myself originally appeared in the Colorado Eagle Forum July, 1986 paper. Next month we will continue with my personal experience with CAUSA.)

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

1. We will have an extremely important article regarding Ezra Pound and his protege' Eustace Mullins, author of the Pound-commissioned SECRETS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE. Few who admire this book are aware of the Theosophical Bollingen connections and philosophies of both Pound and Mullins. Don't miss it!
2. Continuation on CAUSA.
3. Continuation on Pat Robertson.
4. We hope to resume our itinerary publication.

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